

**Preliminary Amendment**

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DEVICE FOR TAKING AND EXAMINING SAMPLES**Conclusion**

Prior to taking this application up for examination, the Examiner is asked to enter the above amendment. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns with respect to the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the applicant's representative, Kevin Raasch, at (612) 305-1218. It is respectfully requested that the application be moved forward to allowance.

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